



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Joseph B. Heilman was appointed to the bench in November 1999. He is currently assigned to the Court's Northwest Regional Center in Surprise handling civil, family and probate cases. Prior to that he served in the Criminal and Civil Departments. He received a law degree in 1977 from Arizona State University College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in secondary education from Arizona State University in 1974. Upon receiving his law degree he began his career in private practice in 1977 as a partner in the Scottsdale firm of Hungerford, Heilman & Ventre. In 1989, he left his 13-year civil litigation practice to join the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

In 1993, he moved to Denver and worked for the Resolution Trust Corporation as a senior litigation attorney. One year later, he moved back to the Valley and resumed his position as a Deputy County Attorney prosecuting crimes in both the sex crimes and the homicide bureaus of that office.

Judge Heilman is a member of the State Bar Criminal Rules Committee, Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association, the National District Attorney's Association and the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. He is a former faculty member of the National College of District Attorneys and has lectured extensively for the Arizona Peace Officer's Standards and Training Board.

